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AVAILABLE TO THE BLIND RESIDENTS OF

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## Estimated versus Known Population: Tables 1 and 2

It will be noted that the estimated blind population of 3,988 is 10 percent higher than the number of blind individuals -- 3,556 -- known to the Massachusetts Register or to the agencies of Metropolitan Boston. The estimate was obtained by applying Dr. Ralph Hurlin's 1952 estimated rate of blindness per 1,000 population for the State of Massachusetts to Boston's 1956 population. Bearing in mind that an estimate is an approximation and not an absolute number, several explanations of the discrepancy suggest themselves:

- 1. The 1952 rate for Massachusetts may not be applicable to Metropolitan Boston in 1956;
- 2. Registers normally are not 100 percent complete; the Massachusetts Register of the Blind is subject to the general rule. Full reporting on newly blind individuals over age fifty-five in middle and upper income brackets is most apt to be wanting;
- 3. The 1956 total population figure of
  2,431,605 inhabitans of Metropolitan Boston,
  obtained by extrapolation from the 1950
  United States Census, may be too high.

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Considerations (2)

This interpreter suggests that all three above-named factors have operated to present a 10 percent discrepancy between the estimated number and the number in this survey.

Estimated Age Distribution of the Blind Population: Tables 3 and 4

In estimating the age distribution of this blind population, Dr. Hurlin's formula was adjusted to compensate for the high frequency of retrolental fibroplasia in the Boston area during the late 1940's and 1950's. The child with retrolental fibroplasia has begun to figure in the school age population.

"Housewives" in this Survey: Tables 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17

Successful performance of the role of housewife is one index of a woman's integration into the American community. Of the 190 women whose major employment status was reported as "housewife" (Tables 13 and 14), 14 also were employed outside the home. All but one of the 14 was in competitive industry. "Unknowns"

The answer "Unknown" was a legitimate response on the schedules used in this survey. There are instances in which record keeping compatible with the needs of a given agency do not require information on all of the specifics of the "selected social characteristics" under consideration. However, these tables show strikingly large percentages of "Unknowns" on degree of vision (Table 18); source of visual acuity data (Table 23A); most usual mode of travel (Table 38); education of the adult

Considerations (3)

blind (Table 34); age at which blindness was first diagnosed (Table 27). These are areas in which accurate, up-to-date information is a requisite for service and service programming. Consequently it is imperative to keep in mind that the category "Unknown" reflects (1) the direct response and (2) contradict-ory replies from two or more agencies serving the same individual: replies which could neither be reconciled nor verified were uniformly coded "Unknown." In either case, the figures raise a serious question as to the adequacy for service and service planning of the current information of Metropolitan Boston's agencies concerning the blind population of the area. "Adults" in this Survey:

All individuals age twenty-one and over have been coded as "adults."

Table 1. ESTIMATED BLIND POPULATION: 1950, 1956\*

### MASSACHUSETTS

Year	Total Population	Rate per 1,000 Population	Estimated Number of Blind Individuals
1950	4,690,514	1.64	7,692
1956	4,845,000	1.64	7,946

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Year	Total Population	Rate per 1,000 Population	Estimated Number of Blind Individuals
1950	2,369,986	1.64**	3,886
1956	2,431,605***	1.64***	3,988

<sup>\*</sup>Based on Dr. Ralph G. Hurlin's formula described in his publication Estimated Prevalence of Blindness in the United States; American Foundation for the Blind, New York, 1953.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Assuming that 1) the 1952 rate for Metropolitan Boston is the same as the rate for Massachusetts, 2) that the 1952 rate applied in 1950. United States Census Bulletin P-B21: Massachusetts General Characteristics was used.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>Assuming that the 2.6 percent increase in the population of Massachusetts, 1950 - 1956, applies to Metropolitan Boston.

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*</sup>Assuming that the 1952 rate still applies.

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Table 2. COMPARISON OF ESTIMATED BLIND POPULATION WITH BLIND POPULATION KNOWN TO

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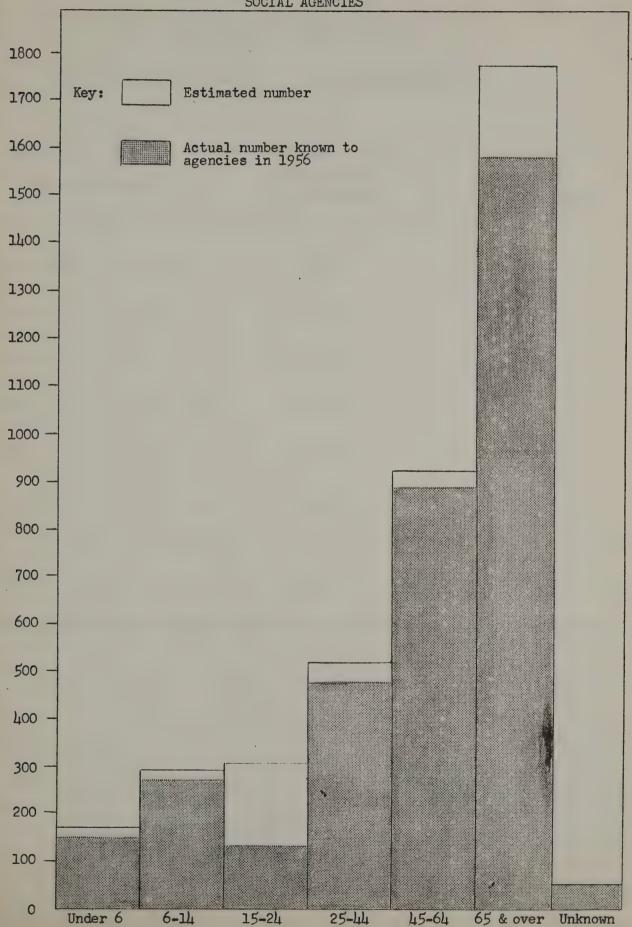




Table 3. ESTIMATED AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BLIND POPULATION

Chronological age	Percent of total blind population	Estimated blind population
Under 6 years	4.26	170
6 - 14	7.27	290
15 - 24	7.77	310
25 - 44	13.03	520
45 - 64	23.31	930
65 and over	44.36	1770
Total	100,00	3990

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Table 4. COMPARISON OF ESTIMATED AGE DISTRIBUTION WITH AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BLIND POPULATION KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES

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Under 6	170	4.26	152	4.27	
6 - 14	290	7.27	272	7.64	
15 - 24	310	7.77	130	3.66	
25 - 44	520	13.03	475	13.36	
45 - 64	930	23,31	878	24.70	
65 and over	1770	<b>44.36</b>	1599	44.96	
Unknown	98.50	<b>∞</b> ⇔	50	1.41	
Total	3990	100,00	3556	100,00	

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Table 5. BLIND INDIVIDUALS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY AGE AND RACE

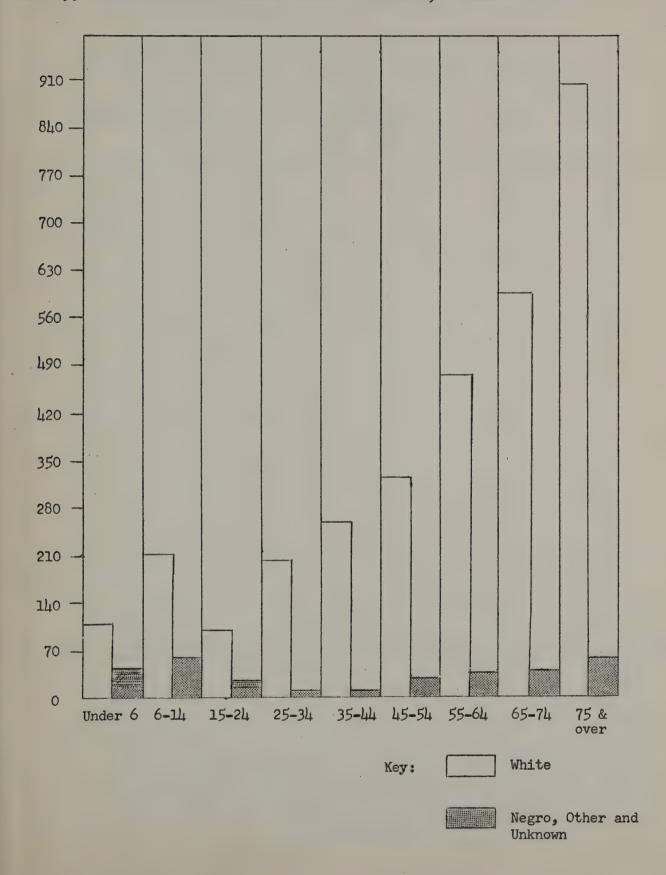


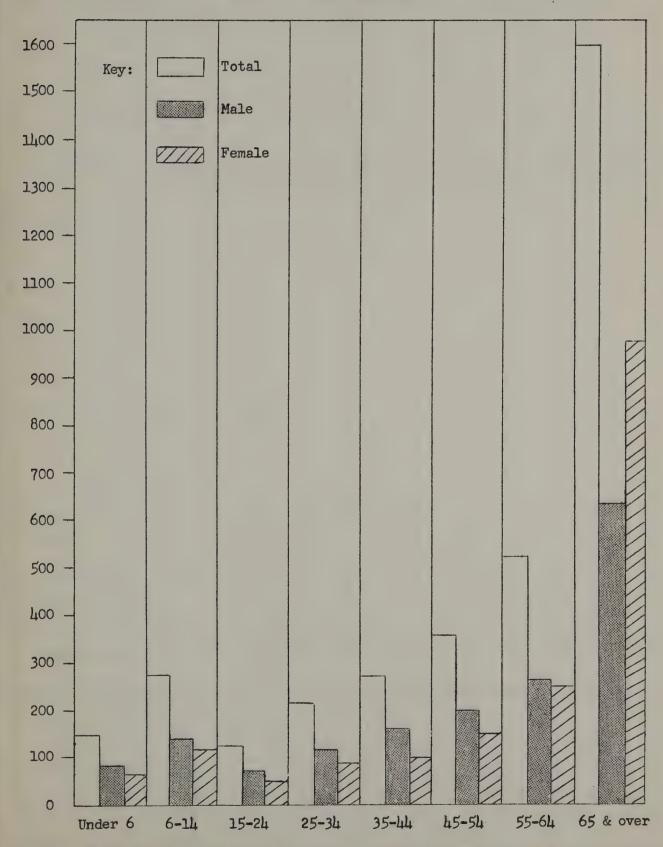


Table 6. BLIND INDIVIDUALS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY AGE AND SEX

Chronological age	b	otal lind viduals Per- cent	Male	Female	
Under 1 year	8	0.2	4	4	
1 - 2 years	13	0.4	8	5	
3 - 5.,	131	3.7	71	60	
6 - 14	272	7.6	149	123	
15 - 18	47	1.3	28	19	
19 - 24	83	2.2	50	33	
25 - 34	212	6.0	123	89	
35 - 44	263	7.4	162	101	
45 - 54	360	10.1	203	157	
55 - 64	518	14.6	266	252	
65 - 74	642	18.1	289	353	
75 and over	95 <b>7</b>	26.9	331	62.6	
Unknown	50	1.5	20	30	
Total	3556	100.0	1704	1852	

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Table 7. BLIND INDIVIDUALS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY AGE AND SEX



Note: Fifty blind individuals (20 males, 30 females) whose age is unknown are not shown on this graph.

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Table 8. AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BLIND POPULATION KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY RACE AND SEX

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25 - 34	212	6.0	202	117	85	6	2	4	4	4	100 000
35 - 44	263	7.4	253	156	97	8	5	3	2	1	1
45 - 54	. 360	10.1	333	187	146	19	12	7	8	4	4
55 - 64	518	14.6	479	245	234	33	17	16	6	4	2
65 - 74	642	18.1	599	268	331	32	16	16	11	5	6
75 and over	957	26.9	900	303	597	34	19	15	23	9	14
Unknown,	. 50	1,5	38	16	22		***	₩.	12	4	8
Total	3556	100.0	3237	1543	1694	145	76	69	174	85	89

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Table 9. MARITAL STATUS OF THE ADULT BLIND KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES

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Table 10. AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ADULT BLIND KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY MARITAL STATUS

Chronological	Total blind persons	Total blind ersons	Sex	L.			Me	Marital status			
<b>ච</b> නි ස්	Num- ber	Per- Cent	Male	Female	Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Separated	Other	Unknown
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65 – 74	642	21.0	588	353	152	258	179	11	19	1	23
75 and over	957	31.3	331	929	186	22 <b>2</b>	486	7	12	1	44
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Table 11. EMPLOYABILITY OF ADULT BLIND KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES

Employability	bl	tal ind sons		White	e		Negr	0	and	Othe:	
	Num- ber	Per- cent	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Employable	912	29.8	8 <b>73</b>	509	364	32	18	14	7	5	2
Unemployable	1887	61,6	1763	702	1061	81	43	38	43	19	24
Unknown	263	8.6	227	119	108	20	10	10	16	7	9
Total	3062	100.0	2863	1330	1533	133	71	62	66	31	35

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Table 12. EMPLOYABILITY OF THE ADULT BLIND KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY AGE

Emplered 14 to	Tota blind p	al persons			Chron	ologic	al age	•		
Employability	Num- ber	Per- cent	21- 24	25 <b>~</b> 34	35 <b>-</b> 44	45⊷ 54	55 <b>-</b> 64	65 <b>-</b> 74	75 & over	Un- known
Employable	912	29.8	43	157	195	2.52	205	<b>4</b> 8	10	2
Unemployable	1887	61.6	10	32	38	64	196	594	946	7
Unknown	263	8.6	7	23	30	44	117	adal biop	1	41
Total	3062	100.0	60	212	263	360	518	642	957	50

Table 13. MAJOR EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE EMPLOYABLE ADULT BLIND KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES

Major employment status	-	al persons Percent	Male	Female
Employed full time	416	45.6	317	99
Employed part time	45	4.9	33	12
Unemployed	187	20.4	123	64
Housewife.,,	190	21.1	Out one has	190
Student	14	1.5	11	3
Other	dels play field	death man color	(Mill aire Alle)	that has that
Unknown	60	6.5	48	12
Total	912	100.0	532	380

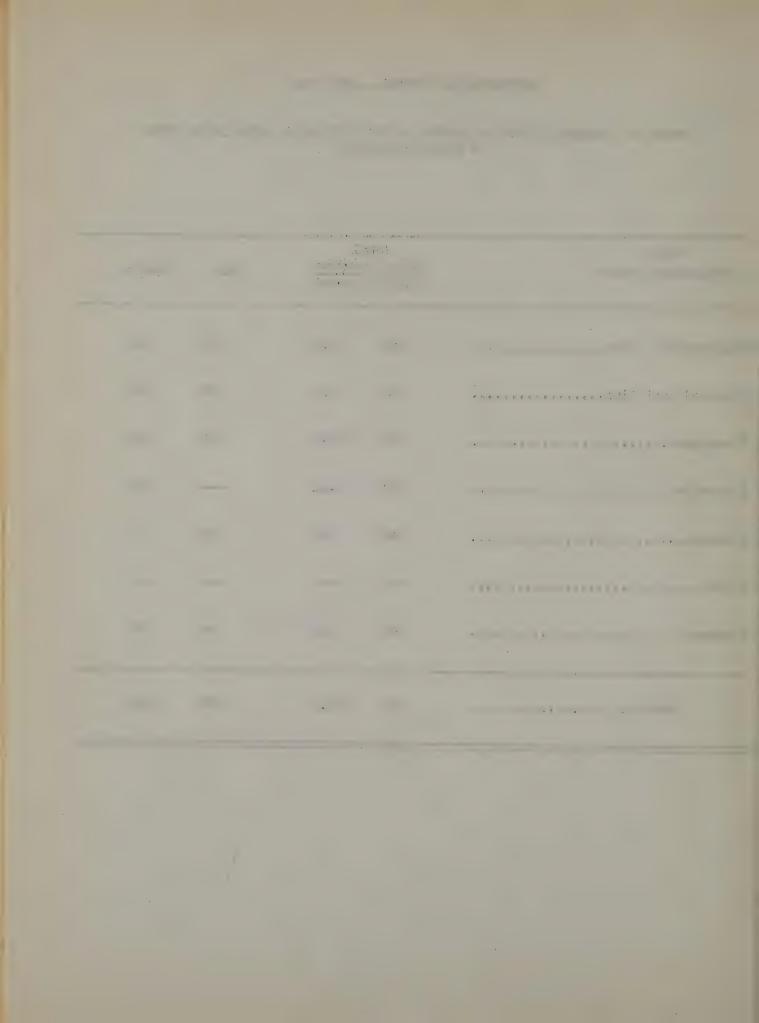


Table 14. MAJOR EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE EMPLOYABLE ADULT BLIND KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY RACE AND SEX

Major employment	bl	tal ind sons		White	9		Negr	0	a	Othe: nd Uni	
status	Num- ber	Per- cent	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Employed full time	416	45.6	400	304	96	12	10	2	4	3	1
Employed part time	45	4.9	44	33	11	1	WHITE	1	you take	dant orași	***
Unemployed	187	20.4	172	114	58	14	8	6	1	1	Stephno
Housewife	190	21.1	184	ang 1800	184	5	****	5	1	min	1
Student	14	1.5	13	10	3	took 1666	1041000	W- NA	, 1	1	***
Other	690.465	enti igan	Salema	Mass como	. State gase	. 000100	*****			*******	Postum
Unknown	60	6.5	60	48	12		NO 946		***		man input
Total	912	100.0	873	509	364	32	18	14	7	5	2

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Table 15. MAJOR TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT OF THE EMPLOYABLE ADULT BLIND KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES

Major type of	Tot blind		Male	Female
employment	Number	Percent	Mate	remate
Sheltered workshop	109	12.0	79	30
Home industries	9	1.0	4	5
Competitive employment	398	43.6	284	114
Self-employed	70	7.7	65	5
Housewife	176	19.5		176
Student	14	1.5	11	3
Other	5	0.6	2	3
Unknown	131	14.1	87	44
Total,	912	100.0	532	380

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Table 16. MAJOR EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE EMPLOYABLE ADULT BLIND KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY MAJOR TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT

Major employment	To	Total blind persons			Majo	Major type of employment	employme	nt		
status	Num- ber	Per- cent	Sheltered workshop	Home Industries	Competitive employment	Self- employed	House-wife	Student	Other known	Un- kmown
Employed full time	416	45.6	16	က	273	45	•	ŧ	1	4
Employed part time	45	4.9	<b>ب</b>	to.	56	11	1	<b>!</b>	<b>£</b>	1
Unemployed	187	20.4	13	63	75	10	1	ł	വ	81
Housewife	190	21.1	1	1	13	ŧ	176	ł	ı	H
Student	14	1.5	1	1	ŀ	1	ı	14	ł	ţ
Other	1	1	ł	ţ	ł		ł	1	1 1	ŧ
Unknown	60	6,5	ŧ	1	11	44	1	1	ı	45
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Total	912	100.0	109	တ	398	0.2	176	14	rb C	131

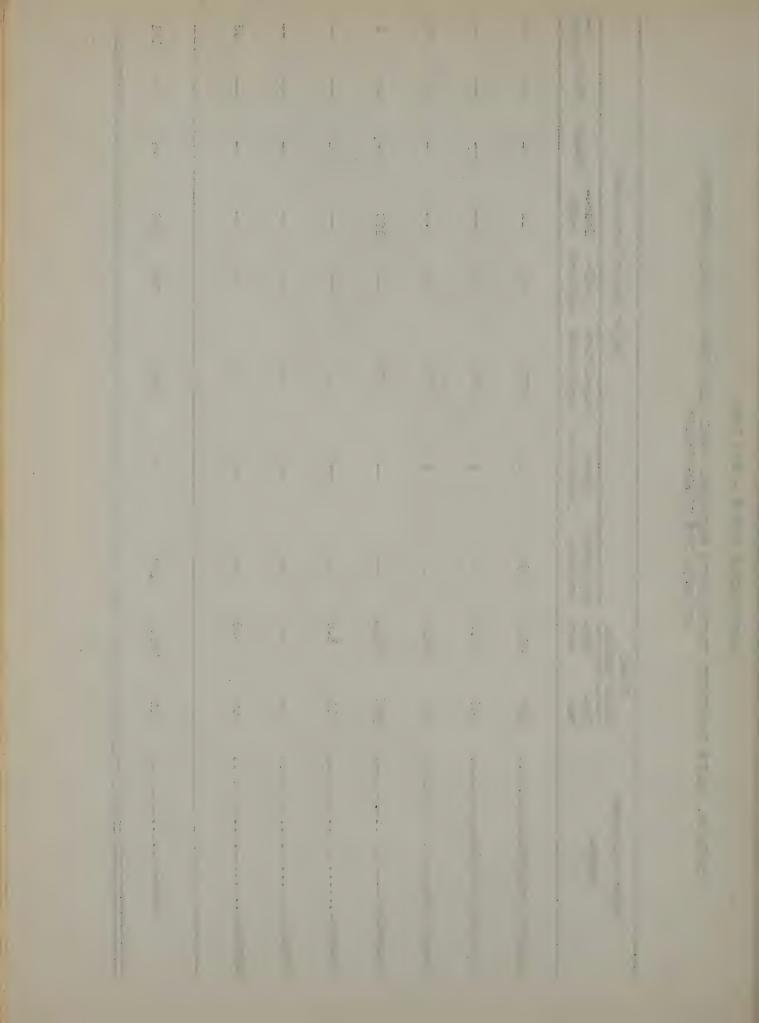


Table 17. MAJOR TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT OF THE CURRENTLY EMPLOYED ADULT BLIND BY SEX

Major type of employment	Tot blind Number	persons Percent	Male	Female
Sheltered workshop	96	20.8	67	29
Home industries	6	1.3	4	2
Competitive employment	299	64.9	224	75
Self-employed	56	12.1	53	3
Unknown	4	0.9	2	2
Total	461	100.0	350	111

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Table 18. VISUAL ACUITY OF THE BLIND POPULATION KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY RACE AND SEX

Degree of vision	bl per	tal ind sons		White	1		Negr	0	and	Other 1 Unkn	
	Num- ber	per- cent	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Absolute blindness	458	12.9	423	222	201	22	11	11	13	7	6
light perception only	421	11.8	393	196	197	14	6	8	14	9	5
Motion perception to 5/200		19.0	633	291	342	26	14	12	18	7	11
5/200 - 9/200	215	6.1	199	89	110	11	8	3	5	3	2.
10/200 - 19/200	343	9.6	314	141	173	12	6	6	17	9	8
20/200	710	20.0	625	290	335	27	13	14	58	30	28
Restricted field (under 20°)	127	3.6	117	66	51	8	5	3	2	2	(Million)
Unknown	605	17.0	533	248	285	25	13	12	47	18	29
Total	3556	100.0	3237	1543	1694	145	76	69	174	85	89

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Table 19. VISUAL ACUITY OF THE BLIND POPULATION KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY AGE

	Total blind persons	al						Chror	ologic	Chronological age					
Degree of vision	Num- ber	Per-	Under 1 yr.	1-2	5-	6-	15 <b>-</b> 18	19-	25- 34	35- 44	45 54	55-	65-	75 & over	Un- known
Absolute blindness	458	12.9	ĸ	7	53	77	ω	11	17	29	47	51	73	79	69
Light perception only	421	11.8	7	~	23	89	4	4	24	92	ಜ	20	7.7	103	ø
Motion perception up to 5/200	677	19.0	3	1	4	28	<b>6</b>	4	67	42	29	125	143	122	7
5/200 - 9/200	215	6.1	ŧ	1	1	œ	H	4	11	23	22	62	44	7.1	63
10/200 - 19/200	343	9*6	1	<b>8</b> 8	~	13	6	11	25	23	27	49	83	101	63
20/200	710	20.0	ŀ	}	~	44	13	31	57	55	42	103	118	195	13
Restricted field (under 20°)	127	9.	ŧ	ì	1	H	N	H	10	12	18	25	80	85 9	N
Unknown	605	17.0	41	4	47	33	വ	17	39	53	67	98	84	151	15
Total	3556	100.0	ω	13	131	272	47	83	212	263	360	518	642	957	20

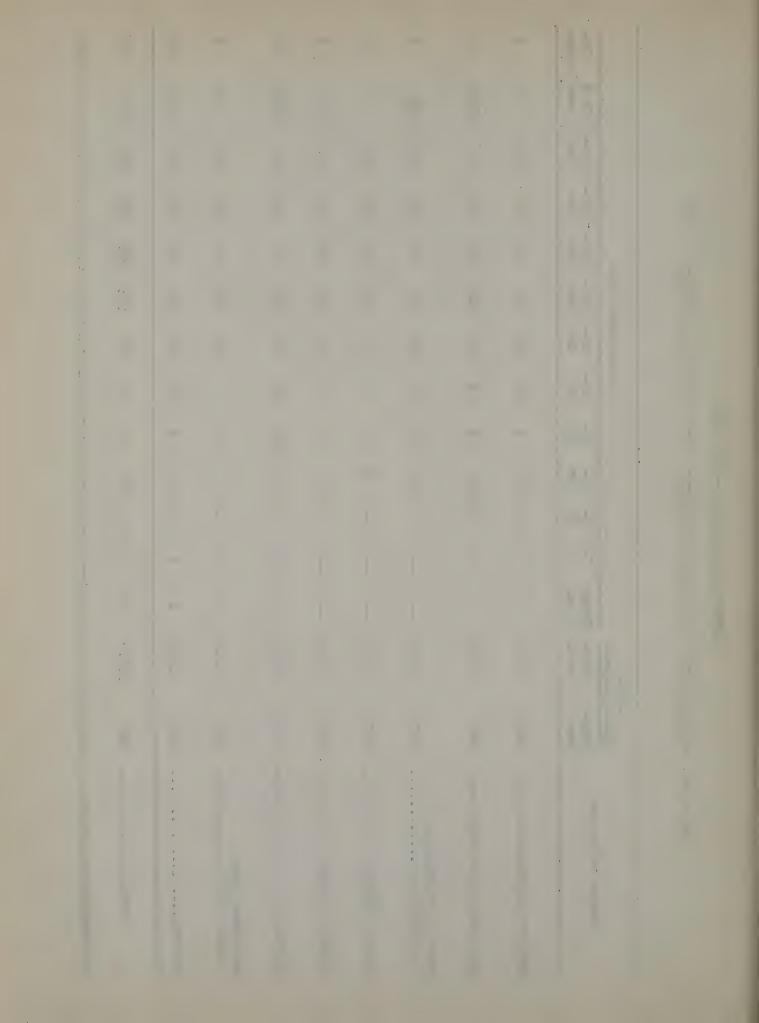


Table 20. VISUAL ACUITY OF THE ADULT BLIND KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES BY EMPLOYABILITY

Degree of vision		otal persons	I	Employability	
Degree of Vision	Num- ber	Per- cent	Employable	Unemployable	Unknown
Absolute blindness	306	10.0	85	200	21
Light perception only	323	10.5	80	215	28
Motion perception to 5/200	638	20.8	156	420	62
5/200 - 9/200	204	6.7	58	130	16
10/200 - 19/200	319	10,4	89	207	23
20/200	640	20•9	218	359	63
Restricted field (under 20°)	124	4.1	46	59	19
Unknown	508	16.6	180	297	31
Total	3062	100.0	912	1887	263

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Table 21. MAJOR TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT OF THE CURRENTLY EMPLOYED ADULT BLIND KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES

BY VISUAL ACUITY

	Total blind persons	1 ersons			Deg	Degree of Vision	ision			
	Num-	Per	Absolute blindness	Absolute Light blindness perception only	Motion perception to 5/200	5/200-	10/200-	20/200	Restricted Un- field (under 20°) known	Un- kmown
Sheltered workshop	96	20.8	19	11	13	4	7	œ	כא	31
Home industries	9	1,3	H	1	1	å 8	1	60	1	es .
Competitive employment	599	64.9	24	97	33	02	53	89	15	29
Self-employed	56	12.1	თ	G.	12	Т	Н	13		11
Unknown	4	6*0	ŧ	n n	1	ŧ	H	H	1	83
Total	461	100.0	53	46	22	25	38	118	18	105

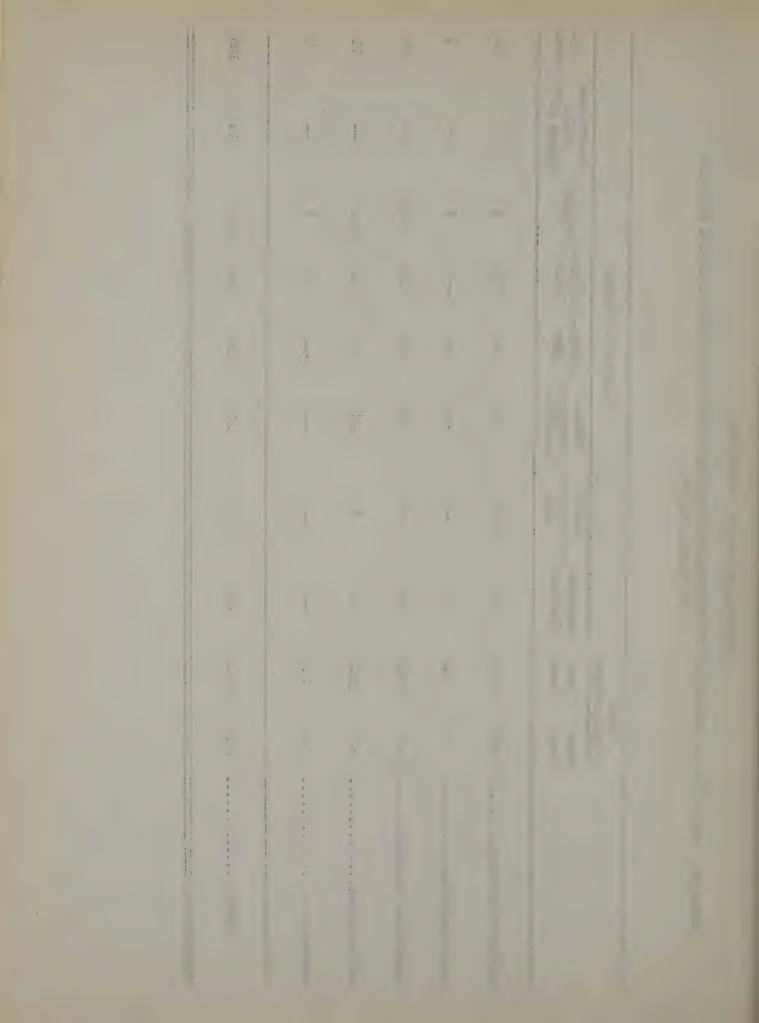


Table 22. VISUAL ACUITY OF THE EMPLOYABLE ADULT BLIND KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY MAJOR EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	Toping	Total blind persons			Major emp.	Major employment status	us		
Degree of Vision	Num-	Per-	Employed full time	Employed part time	Unemployed	Housewife	Student	Other	Unknown
Absolute blindness	85	හ භ	45	<b>co</b>	18	ထ	H	ŧ	ري م
Light perception only	80	<b>ω</b>	42	4	15	15	es es	1	03
Motion perception up to 5/200	156	17.1	52	φ	33	. 67	82	1	ω
2/200 - 9/200	28	<b>8</b> <b>4</b>	23	ณ	12	15	1	ŧ	9
10/200 - 19/200	88	6 8	37	-	50	82	ю	1	<b>©</b>
20/200	218	23.9	107	- 11	<b>82</b>	46	10	1	19
Restricted field (under 20°)	46	5.0	17	H	15	ω	ŧ	•	re
Unknown	180	19.7	93	12	36	53	s/S	1	7
Total	912	100.0	416	45	187	190	14	1	09

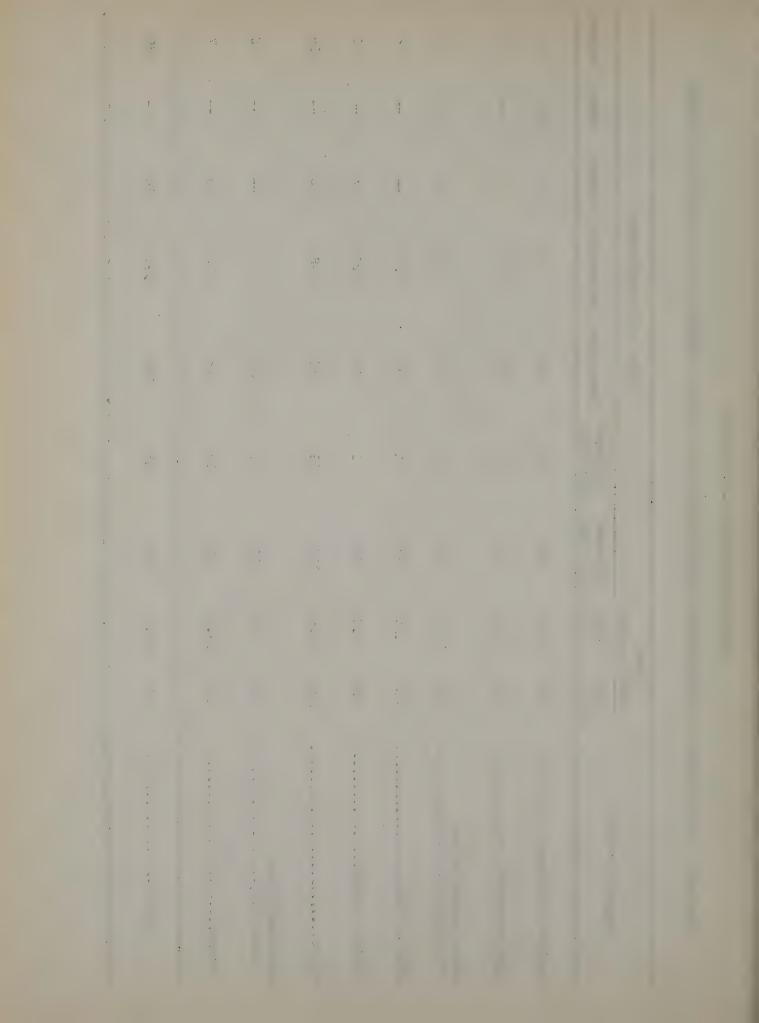


Table 23. SOURCE OF VISUAL ACUITY DATA FOR THE BLIND POPULATION KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY RACE AND SEX

Source		tal ind lts		White	9		Negr	0	and	Other i Unkr	
of data	Num- ber	Per- cent	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Examination made by ophthalmologist	.2388	93,5	2240	1043	1197	104	56	48	44	21	23
Examination made by optometrist	. 86	3.4	83	38	45	dge wa	<b>4</b> 00 ma	44.44	3	2	1
Examination made by medical doctor.	. 34	1.3	30	9	21	1	1	water	3	1	2
Other source	. 6	0.2	6	3	3	CON Sino	englana.	400	Nija der	ripos mass	Mile Step
Unknown	• 40	1,6	36	22	14	3	1	2	1	1	sale grap
Total	2554	100.0	2395	1115	1280	108	58	50	51	25	26

Comment: The 508 adults whose degree of vision was unknown do not appear on this table.

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Table 23A. SOURCE OF VISUAL ACUITY DATA FOR THE BLIND CHILDREN KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY RACE AND SEX

Source of data	bl:			White	•		Negr	0		Unkno	own
	Num- ber	Per- cent	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Examination made by ophthalmologist.	.360	72.9	290	170	120	11	4	7	59	33	26
Examination made by optometrist	, 1	0,2	deat (1886			dest-sea			1		1
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Unknown	.119	24.1	71	34	37	1	1	****	47	20	27
Total	. 494	100.0	374	213	161	12	5	7	108	54	54

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Table 24. YEAR OF LAST OPHTHALMOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF THE ADULT BLIND\* KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY SEX

		tal adults		
Year	Num- ber	Per- cent	Male	Female
1956	172	7.7	74	98
1955	301	13.4	129	172
1954	206	9.2	89	117
1953	810	9.3	96	114
1952	183	8.1	76	107
1947 - 1951	525	23.4	249	276
1942 - 1946	225	10.0	112	113
1937 - 1941	267	11.9	141	126
Prior to 1937	145	6.4	84	61
Unknown,	14	0,6	4	10
Total	2248	100.0	1054	1094

<sup>\*</sup>This table does not include the 306 adults in this study reported as absolutely blind.

Comment: The 508 adults whose degree of vision was unknown do not appear on this

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Table 24A. YEAR OF LAST OPHTHALMOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF THE BLIND CHILDREN KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY RACE AND SEX

Year	ł	Total clind cldren		Whit	e		Negr	0		Unkn	own
	Num- ber	Per- cent	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1956	109	22.1	93	62	31	1	1	need disab	15	12	3
1954 - 1955	157	31.8	131	69	62	7	2	5	19	9	10
1952 - 1953	61	12.3	40	26	14	3	1	2	18	11	7
1950 - 1951,	27	5.5	21	11	10	made State		-	6	2	4
1946 - 1949	5	1.0	5	4	1	400,000		mad pure	000 1000		dies and
1941 - 1945	3	0.6	1		l	ances			2	1	1
1936 - 1940	1	0.2	1	000 000	1	640 GH		deg tota	con the	2000 Tank	max may
Unknown	131	26.5	82	41	41	1	1		48	19	29
Total	494	100.0	374	213	161	12	5	7	108	54	54

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Table 25. HEARING EXAMINATIONS OF THE BLIND POPULATION KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY RACE AND SEX

Hearing examinations	bl	tal ind sons		White			Negro	0	and	Other	
	Num- ber	Per- cent	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Has had a hearing examination	359	10.1	350	201	149	9	4	5	GBBT DAME	Gine also	or so
Has not had a hearing examination	81	2,3	72	32	40	9	3	6	Gaze Swa	deal axis	Gia see
Unknown	3116	87.6	2815	1310	1505	127	69	58	174	85	89
Total	3556	100.0	3237	1543	1694	145	76	69	174	85	89

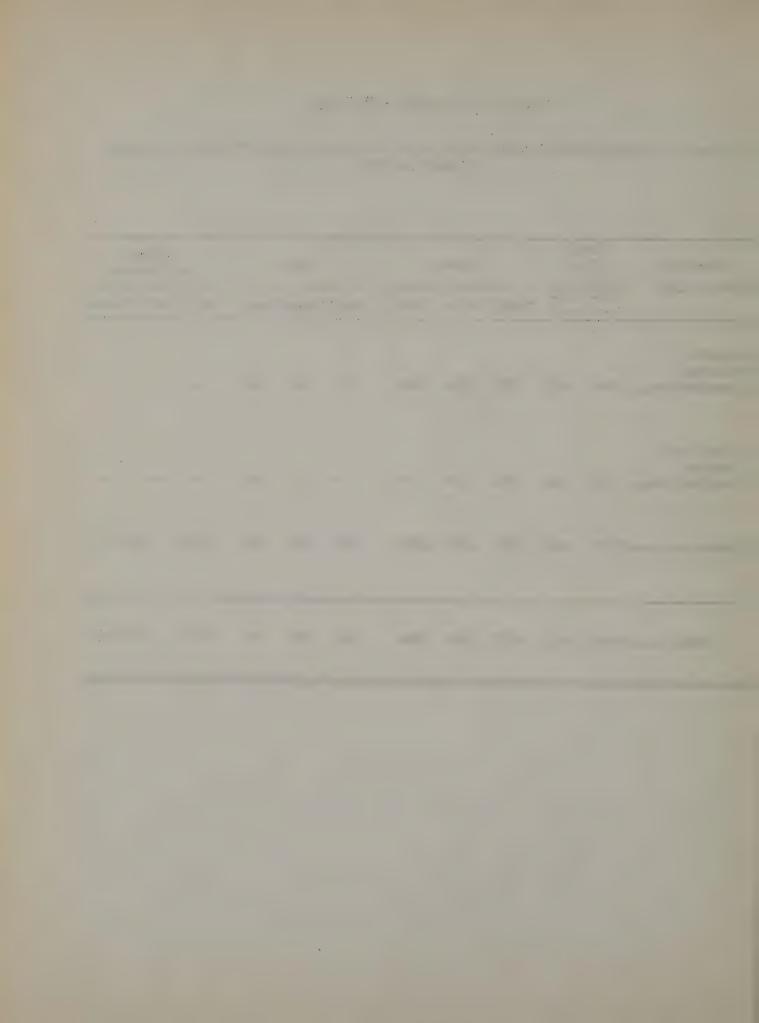


Table 26. HEARING EXAMINATIONS OF THE BLIND POPULATION KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY AGE

Hearing blind persons	examinations Num-	Has had a hearing examination 359	Has not had a hearing examination	Unknown3116	Total 3556
alersons	Per- cent	10.1	జ. బి	87.6	100.0
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	5-	4	30	09	131
	6-	138	11	123	272
	15 <del>-</del> 18	16	N	58	47
Chro	19 <b>-</b> 24	16	H	99	83
nolog	25 <b>-</b>	17	64	192	212
Chronological age	35- 44	15	N	246	263
68	45- 54	24	to.	333	360
	55-	27	N	489	518
	65-	27	ഖ	610	642
	75 & over	30	18	606	957
	Un- known	1	1	20	20



Table 27. AGE AT WHICH BLINDNESS FIRST DIAGNOSED, BY CHRONOLOGICAL AGE, OF THE BLIND POPULATION KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES

	Total blind per	Total blind persons						GP	Chronological		аве				
Age at which blindness first diagnosed	Num- ber	Per-	Under 1 yr.	1-2	-5. rc	6-	15-	19 <b>-</b> 24	25- 34	35- 44	45 <del>-</del> 54	55-	65-	75 & over	Un- known
At birth	383	10.8	H	23	27	81	7	23	63	9	49	46	17	7	1
Under 1 year	289	8,1	വ	œ	19	96	ω	6	24	23	22	19	ω	9	1
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Unknown	1770	49.7	≈	60	34	78	18	3 <u>∓</u>	72	89	150	248	35.2	644	49
Total	3556	100.0	ω	13	131	272	47	83	212	263	360	518	642	957	20



Table 28. AGE AT WHICH BLINDNESS FIRST DIAGNOSED, BY SEX, OF THE BLIND POPULATION KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES

Age at which blindness first diagnosed		tal persons Per- cent	Male	Female
At birth	383	10,8	205	178
Under 1 year	289	8.1	160	129
1 - 2 years	52	1.5	25	27
3 - 5	55	1,6	27	28
6 - 14	178	5.0	102	76
15 - 18	21	0.6	13	8
19 - 24	41	1.2	26	15
25 - 34	107	3 .0	67	40
35 - 44	137	3.8	75	62
45 - 54	138	3.9	74	64
55 - 64	164	4.6	74	90
65 - 74	134	3.7	53	81
75 and over	87	2.5	34	53
Unknown	1770	49.7	769	1001
Total	3556	100.0	1704	1852

Table 29. INCIDENCE OF OTHER PHYSICAL OR OF MENTAL DISABILITIES AMONG THE BLIND POPULATION KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY RACE AND SEX

Type of	Total persons	`	White	9		Negro		an	Other d Unkr	nown
disability	with disability	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Respiratory system.	63	54	37	17	9	6	3	900 (868		•••
Blood and blood- forming organs	31	30	8	22	1	1	***	ne ***		
Heart & circulation	385	363	131	232	17	7	10	5	2	3
Skeleton & muscles.	242	225	87	138	17	9	8	ten 100	gard wine	S40 S40
Brain and nervous system	277	259	159	100	12	5	7	6	3	3
Digestive system	83	77	45	32	6	1	5		<b>400</b> 000	-
Reproductive system	100 4	3	2	1	1	1	was 646	00.10	***	****
Ear	200	196	88	108	3	3	900 SS0	1	980-800	1
Diabetes	289	275	90	185	13	6	7	1	1	
Cancer	28	27	15	12	**			1	des tree	1
Mental deficiency & retardation	264	239	144	95	9	4	5	16	7	9
Emotional disorder.	56	51	28	23	5	1	4		00 to	***
Psychosis	29	28	10	18			* ***	1	1	digita circa
Semility	47	111	17	27	2	1	1	1	1	
Other	133	123	50	73	9	5	4	1	1	(MA 5M)
Total	2131	1994	911	1083	104	50	54	33	16	17

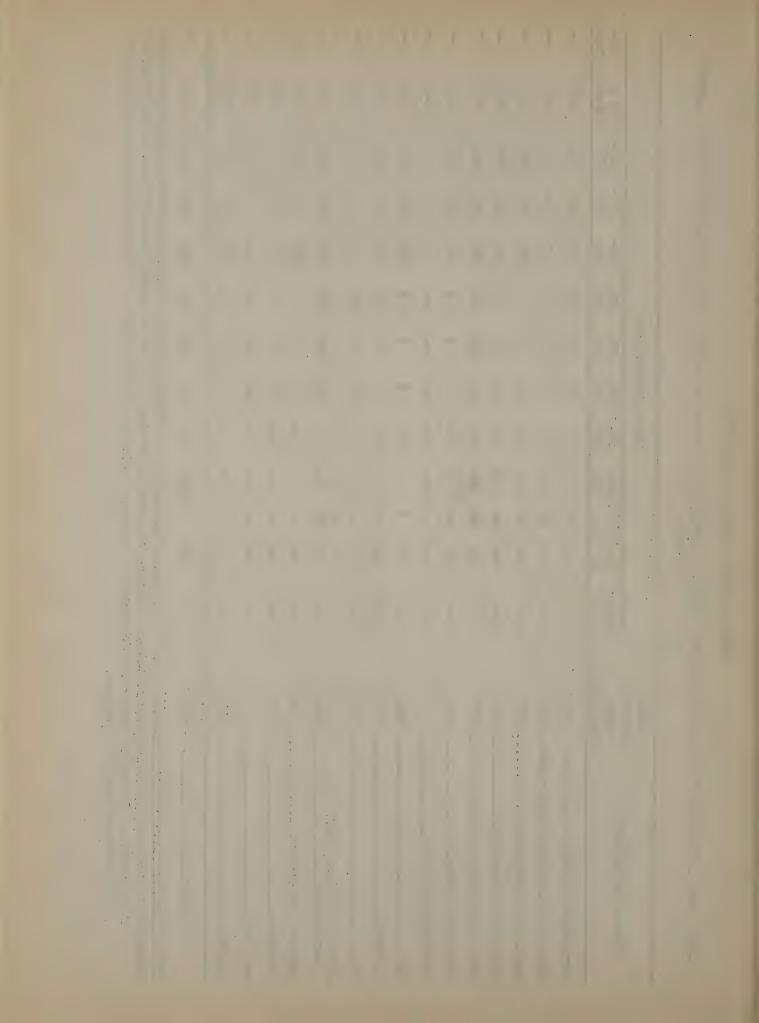
Comment: Of the 3062 blind adults studied, 1227 were reported as having physical or mental disabilities in addition to blindness. Fourteen were reported to have no additional disabilities. No information was available for 1821.

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INCIDENCE OF OTHER PHYSICAL OR OF MENTAL DISABILITIES AMONG THE BLIND POPULATION KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY AGE Table 30.

	Total					Chron	Chronological	al age			•			
Type of disability f	with disability	Under 1 yr.	1-2	5 2	6-	15-	19-	25-	35-	45- 54	55-	65-	75 & over	Un- known
Respiratory system	63	1	1	1	2	7	7	83	6	83	13	14	19	1
Blood and blood-forming organs	31	•	•	į	1	H	r-1	-	-	ю	4	~	18	ł
Heart and circulation	385	1	1	1	ŧ	1	Н	9	4	28	28	104	180	4
Skeleton and muscles	242	1	1 1	ł	ဖ	63	Ø	9	4	22	43	68	89	1
Brain and nervous system	277	4	4	39	84	œ	ω	16	18	17	24	90	34	Н
Digestive system	83	1	1	ł	-	•	-	20	80	16	18	25	16	1
Reproductive system	4	ł	1	ı	ł	ļ	1	ł	t	ભ	н	н	1	*
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Diabetes	289	1	i	1	H	1	H	10	18	28	77	76	56	4
Cancer	28	1	1	1	ł	ŧ	1	1	1	03	m	12	11	8 2
Mental deficiency and retardation	564	4	ស	39	82	∞	15	56	19	82	15	18	œ	I
Emotional disorder	56	1	1	1	-	ž ž	н	မ	7	15	14	ω	4	1
Psychosia	29	ŧ	1	ŧ	į	1	63	-1	2	6/3	œ	7	Q	H
Senility	147	1	ł	1	1	1	1	1	1	ł	٣	8	35	Н
Other	133	1	4	60	*	H	ભ	ω	77	15	28	20	50	63
Total 2131	2131	ω	10	82	184	23	36	8.	98	196	347	438	909	13
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INCIDENCE OF OTHER PHYSICAL OR OF MENTAL DISABILITIES AMONG THE BLIND POPULATION KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY VISUAL ACUITY Table 31.

	Total			Degree o	of vision				
Type of disability	with disability	Absolute blindness	Light perception only	Motion perception to 5/200	5/200-	10/200-	20/200	Restricted field (under 20°)	Un- known
Respiratory system	63	Ð	ω	17	4	4	œ	94	13
Blood and blood-forming organs	31	83	ю	စ	N	N	7	1	o.
Heart and circulation	385	34	45	26	92	20	72	7	75
Skeleton and muscles	242	33	53	53	17	23	32	9	49
Brain and nervous system	277	93	49	41	14	16	22	82	40
Digestive system	83	I	10	12	8/3	11	18	4	14
Reproductive system	4	rH	8 8	<b>1</b>	1	Н	:	*	-
Ear	200	20	17	34	15	27	34	14	39
Diabetes	289	1.8	39	82	22	31	57	ŧ	04
Cancer	28	4	9	C4	02	ьo	N	1	N
Mental deficiency and retardation	264	113	54	30	D.	Ø,	15	H	37
Emotional disorder	28	တ	20	14	N	ro	75	4	10
Psychosis	29	-1	ω	41	03	63	63	1	G
Semility	1,7	4	2	10	ເລ	rs C	9	<b>-</b> -1	0
Other	133	12	25	22	a	14	20	<b>o</b>	58
Total	2131	358	303	429	124	206	311	45	355
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Table 32. INCIDENCE OF OTHER PHYSICAL OR OF MENTAL DISABILITIES AMONG THE EMPLOYABLE ADULT BLIND KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY MAJOR EMPLOYMENT STATUS

farragarn to odfr	persons with			Major emplo	Major employment status	m		
	disability	Employed full time	Employed part time	Unemployed	Housewife	Student	Other	Un- known
Respiratory system	14	7	s-4	4	2	ŧ	ł	ŧ
Blood and blood-forming organs	83	1	1 1	H	-1	ž s	t	1
Heart and circulation	. 92	n	N	13	G	1	ŀ	Н
Skeleton and muscles	30	15	ю	7	മ			;
Brain and nervous system	7	4		CZ	H	ş	1	ŧ
Digestive system	22	ω	. <del>F</del>	11	N	4	ŧ	1
Reproductive system	03	1	ł	ณ	ì	1	ł	1
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Diabetes	62	ω	က	19	24	-	1	ŗĊ
Cancer	t 9	1	1	ŧ	ŧ	ŧ	1	1
Mental deficiency and retardation	ເດ	н	1	41	1	8	ŧ	ŧ
Emotional disorder	13	4	1	ល	છ	ŧ	1	1
Psychosis	Н	H	ŧ	1	# *	į	1	1
Senility	H	1	*	1	ŧ	1	8	ł
Other	17	മ	20	ıa	4	1	3	ŧ s
Total	245	79	16	85	57	-	1	-

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INCIDENCE OF OTHER PHYSICAL OR OF MENTAL DISABILITIES AMONG THE EMPLOYABLE ADULT BLIND KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY MAJOR TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT Table 33.

	Total			Major	Major type of em	employment			
Type of disability	persons with disability	Sheltered workshop	Home industries	Competitive employment	Self- employed	House-wife	Student	Other	Un- known
Respiratory systems	14	ļ	ţ	O	82	<b>ল</b> জ	ł	1	03
Blood and blood- forming organs	ત્ય	ł	1	H	\$ *	r-4	ł	1	;
Heart and circulation	36	63	1	13	9	O	t	1	rð.
Skeleton and muscles	30	ည	Н	10	4	rO	# #	1	2
Brain and nervous system	7	H	ŧ	작	Н	Н	ŧ	ł	1
Digestive system	22	7	ŧ	တ	rH	Н	i	1	7
Reproductive system	63	*	1	r	•	ł	i	ŧ	H
	33	7	2 2	13	~	ဖ	1	*	ιΩ
Diabetes	62	4	Н	20	4	24	r-i	1	œ
Cancer.		Į.	ţ	*	•	1	4	1	1
Wental deficiency and retardation	s S	ณ	1	Ħ	ł	1	ŧ	н	H
Emotional disorder	13	H	# *	က	ю	to.	1	*	-
Psychosis	1	;	1	-	1	å 1	1	ŧ	l l
Senility	1	H	1 3	\$	į	1	8 8	1	8
Other	17	1	t	7	63	4	1	1	2
Total	245	22	22	16	92	55	₽-	H	37

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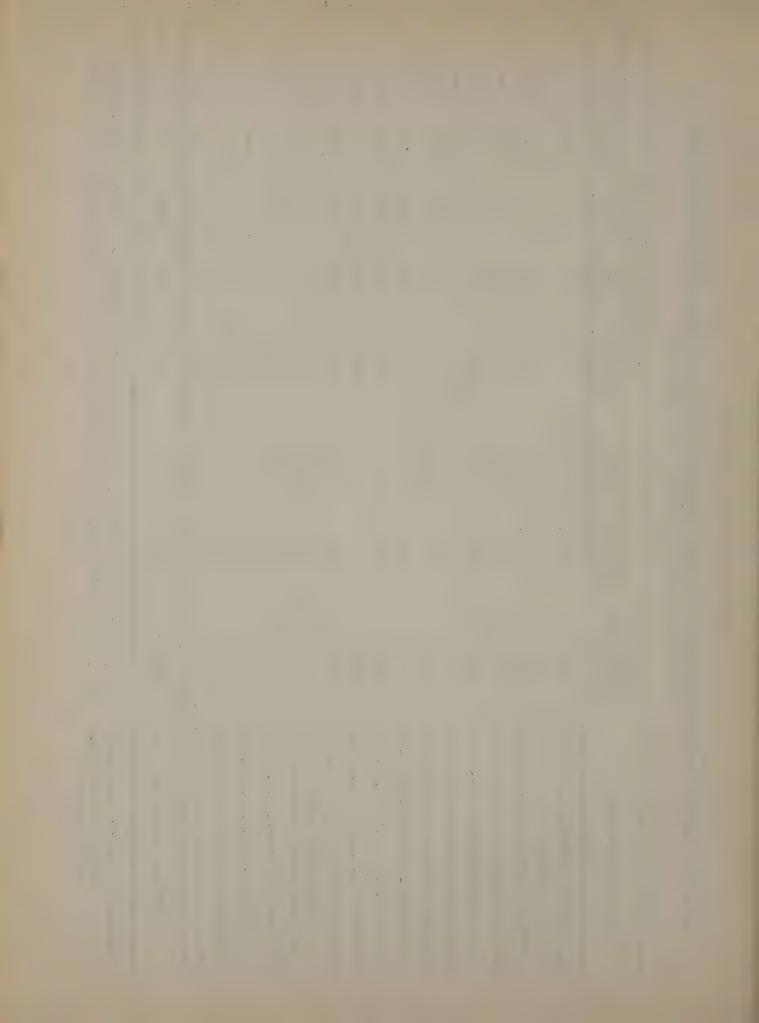


Table 34. EDUCATION OF THE ADULT BLIND KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY RACE AND SEX

Education	b]	tal lind sons		White	•		Negro	)	and	Other i Unk	
	-	Per- cent	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
None	114	3.7	108	48	60	3	2	1	3	1	2
4 years or less.,	115	<b>5</b> •8	101	68	33	14	9	5	Well (888)	*** 949	- Contract
Completed 5-8 years	794	25.9	730	358	372	59	33	26	5	2	3
Attended or graduated high school (9-12 yrs.)	699	22.8	675	295	380	23	8	15	1	1	near hain
Attended or graduated college	256	. 8.4	243	145	98	9	7	2	4	1	3
Business or specialized vocational training*	56	1.8	55	17	38	med large	quint from	. 00.300	1	1	264,040
Unknown	1028	33.6	951	399	552	25	12	13	52	25	27
Total	3062	100.0	2863	1330	1533	133	71	62	66	31	35

<sup>\*</sup>This includes secretarial schools, nurses! training, etc.

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Table 35. EDUCATION OF THE ADULT BLIND KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY EMPLOYABILITY

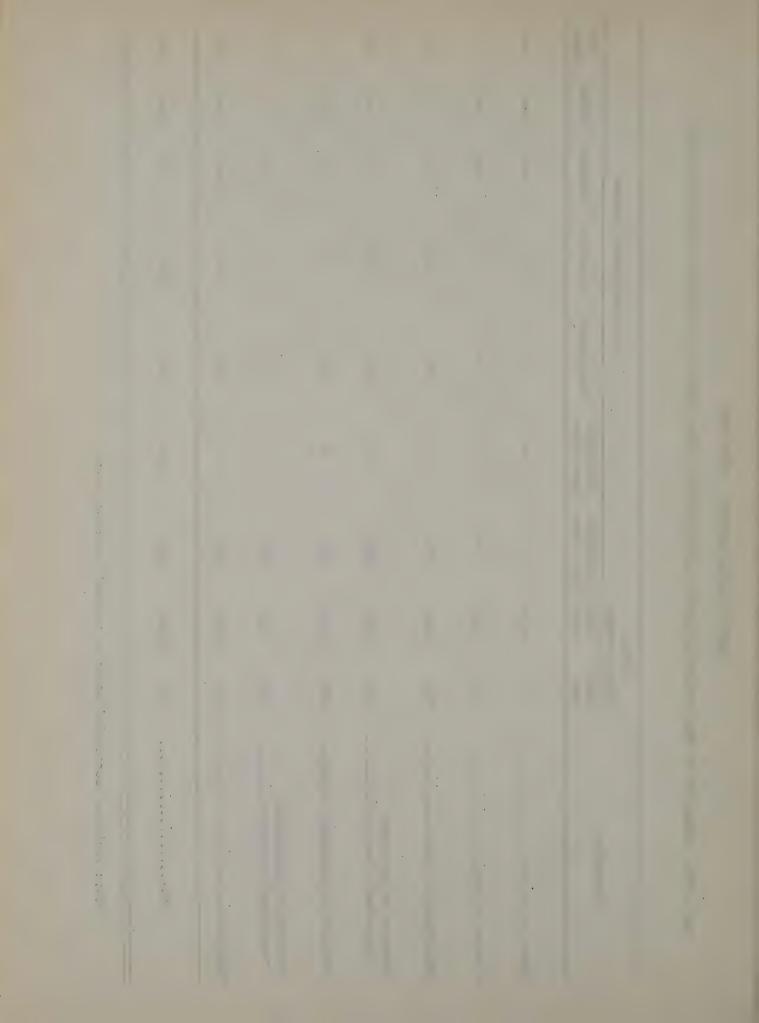
Education	blind	otal persons		Employability	
	Num- ber	Per- cent	Employable	Unemployable	Unknown
None	114	3.7	7	103	4
4 years or less	115	3,8	25	83	7
Completed 5 - 8 years	794	25.9	173	552	69
Attended or graduated high school (9-12 years)	699	22,8	374	282	43
Attended or graduated college	256	8.4	126	106	24
Business or specialized vocational training*	56	1.8	23	30	3
Unknown	1028	33.6	184	731	113
Total	3062	100.0	218	1887	263

<sup>\*</sup> This includes secretarial schools, nurses! training, etc.

EDUCATION OF THE EMPLOYABLE ADULT BLIND ENOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY MAJOR EMPLOYMENT STATUS Table 36.

	Tc	Total blind persons			Major	Major employment status	tatus		
Education	Num- ber	Per-	Employed full time	Employed part time	Unemployed	Housewife	Student	Other	Un- known
None	7	0.8	н	1	1	ഖ	1	<b>t</b>	ł
4 years or less	52	2.7	ω	N	ത	ហ	ł	ŧ	<b>H</b>
Completed 5-8 years	173	19.0	75	စ	50	30	9 25	1	12
Attended or graduated high school (9-12 yrs.)	374	41.0	179	22	74	79	យ	i i	15
Attended or graduated college	126	13.8	81	ဖ	21	4	6	1	က
Business or specialized vocational training*	23	<i>8</i>	11	<i>र</i> ठ	മ	ю	ŧ	1	H
Unknown	184	20.2	61	တ	27	49	1		36
Total	912	100.0	416	45	187	190	14	and one	09

This includes secretarial schools, nurses' training, etc.



EDUCATION OF THE EMPLOYABLE ADULT BLIND KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY MAJOR TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT Table 37.

	T	Total			Major typ	Major type of employment	yment			
Educacion	Num- ber	Per- cent	Sheltered workshop	Home industries	Competitive employed	Self employed	House- wife	Student	Other	Un- known
None	7	8*0	ŧ	ł	r-I	1	ಬ	g g	ŧ	н
4 years or less	25	2.7	જ	1	თ	N	4	ŧ	1	7
Completed 5-8 years	173	19.0	12	H	88	11	53	1	Н	28
Attended or graduated high school (9-12 yrs.)	374	41.0	69	7	157	ಜ	89	ro	41	41
Attended or graduated college	126	13.8	T	н	88	19	4	6	ł	9
Business or specialized vocational training**********************************	23	2 2	Ø	1	13	so.	N	1	1	ю
Unknown	184	20°5	13	\$ \$	20	12	64	1	1	45
Total	918	100.0	109	6	298	70	176	14	D.	131

<sup>\*</sup>This includes secretarial schools, nurses' training, etc.

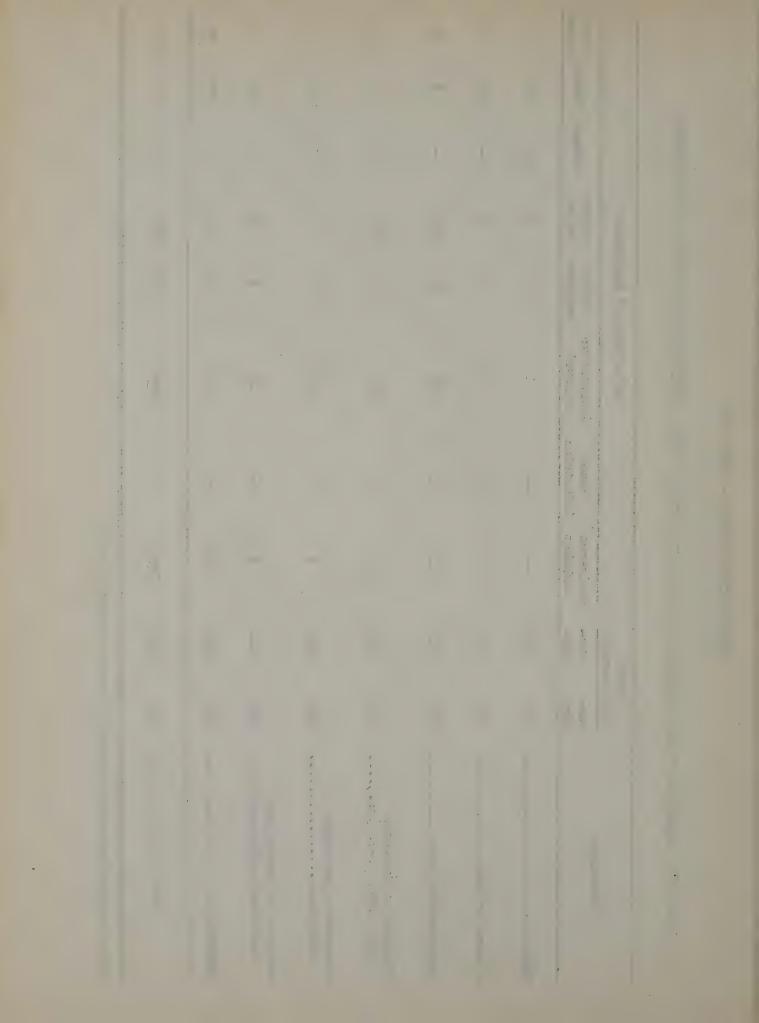


Table 38. MOBILITY STATUS OF THE ADULT BLIND KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES

Mobility	·bl	tal ind sons	ţ	White			Negro	0	and	Othe: l Unki	
status		Per- cent	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Homebound (due to illness)	366	12.0	345	140	205	14	6	8	7	4	3
Homebound (for reasons other than illness)	35	1.1	32	11	21	<b>3</b> .	2	1	100.010		Date state
Able to travel	2661	86.9	2486	1179	1307	116	63	53	59	27	32
Total 3	3062	100.0	2863	1330	1533	133	71	62	66	31	35

Table 39. MOST USUAL MODE OF TRAVEL OF THE ADULT BLIND KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES

Most usual mode of		tal ind sons		White			Negro		and	Othe:	
travel	Num- ber	Per- cent	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
With sighted person	763	24.9	711	270	441	47	21	26	5	3	2
With guide dog	38	1.2	<b>3</b> 5	20	15	3	3	-	~~	Charle Service	100 100
With cane	182	6,0	167	126	41	15	10	5	ode3 (008	0140 EARD	Care 10/0
Without aid of any kind	462	15.1	439	256	183	18	10	8	5	3	2
Other	3	0.1	3		3		***			tons form	Difference
Most usual mode of travel unknown*.	1213	39.6	1131	507	624	33	19	14	49	21	28
Total able to travel	2661	86.9	2486	1179	1307	116	63	53	59	27	32
Homebound	401	13.1	377	151	226	17	8	9	7	4	3
Grand Total3	3062	100.0	2863	1330	1533	133	71	62	66	31	35

<sup>\*&</sup>quot;Most usual mode of travel unknown" represents the group whose mobility status is unknown and the group on whom we had contradictory information concerning mode of travel.

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Table 40. MOST USUAL MODE OF TRAVEL OF THE ADULT BLIND KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY VISUAL ACUITY

Me and Land	Total blind persons	al			Ţ	Visual acuity	ity			
	Num- ber	Per-	Absolute blindness	Light perception only	Motion perception to 5/200	5/200-	10/200-	20/200	Restricted field (under 20°)	Un- known
Travels with sighted person	763	24.9	150	126	176	47	62	69	18	115
Travels with guide dog	23	1.2	13	10	ဗ	p-4	H	ı	ю	4
Travels with cane	182	6.0	16	02	41	12	12	11	4	99
Travels without aid of any kind	462	15.1	63	7	55	28	25	218	ಣ	29
Other	ಣ	0.1	Н	l	ł	I	ŧ	٦	;	H
Most usual mode of travel unknown*	1213	39.6	54	87	275	86	162	302	28	183
Total able to travel	2661	86.9	236	250	553	180	289	601	116	436
Homebound (due to illness)	366	12.0	19	67	76	22	28	38	ω	99
Homebound (for reasons other than illness)	35	1.1	თ	φ	6	82	N	۲	it i	ဖ
Grand Total 3062	3062	100.0	306	323	638	204	319	640	124	508

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&</sup>quot;Most usual mode of travel unknown" represents the group whose mobility status is unknown and the group on whom we had contradictory information concerning mode of travel.

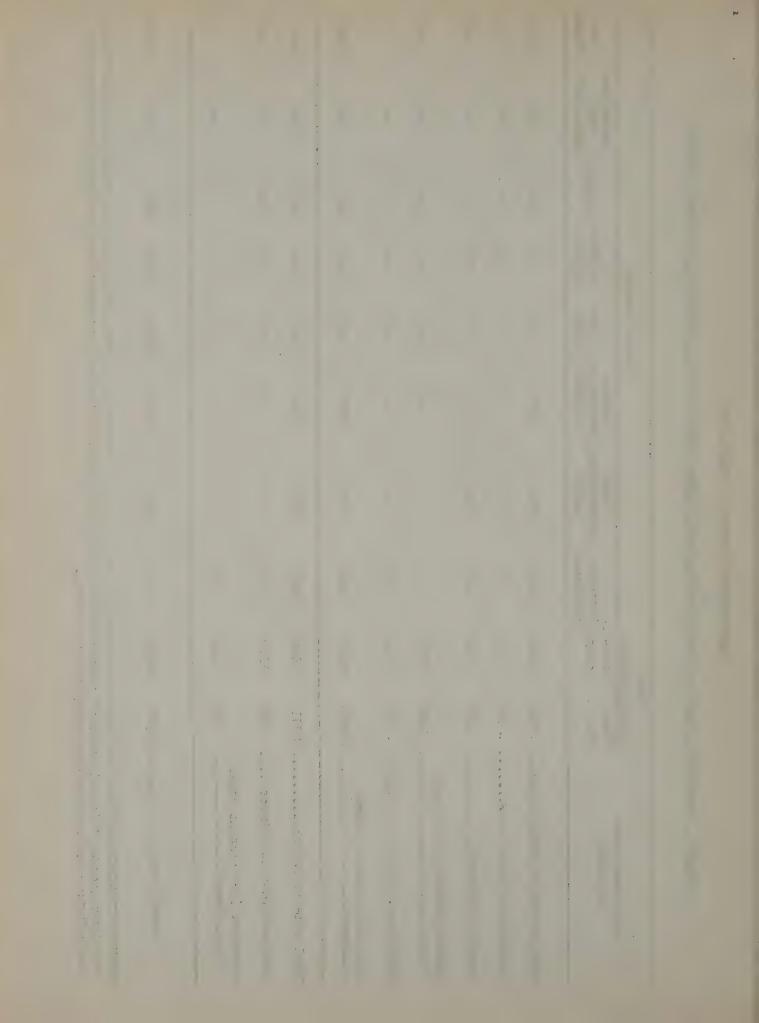


Table 41. MOST USUAL MODE OF TRAVEL OF THE ADULT BLIND KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY AGE

Most usual mode	ъ	otal lind rsons			Ch	ronol	.ogi ca	l age		
of travel	Num- ber	Per- cent	21- 24	25 <b>-</b> 34	35 <b>-</b>	45 <b>-</b> 54	55 <b>-</b> 64	65 <b>-</b> 74	75 & over	Un- known
Travels with sighted person	763	24.9	8	36	70	88	144	178	236	3
Travels with guide dog	38	1.2	2	11	6	8	8	2	1	Will State of State o
Travels with cane	182	6.0	6	15	25	35	31	42	27	1
Travels without aid of any kind	462	15.1	23	60	71	82	85	73	66	2
Other	3	0.1		that time	<b>Spanne</b>	Street spaces	1	2	one top	- Mariana
Most usual mode of travel unknown*	1213	39,6	13	66	69	112	198	258	459	38
Total able to travel	2661	86.9	52	188	241	325	467	555	789	44
Homebound (due to illness)	366	12.0	8	24	19	33	48	80	148	6
Homebound (for reasons other than illness)	35	1.1	glad swa		3	2	3	7	20	amplian
Grand Total	3062	100.0	60	212	263	360	518	642	957	50

<sup>&</sup>quot;Most usual mode of travel unknown" represents the group whose mobility status is unknown and the group on whom we had contradictory information concerning mode of travel.

Table 42. MOST USUAL MODE OF TRAVEL OF THE ADULT BLIND KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY EMPLOYABILITY

Most usual mode		otal persons		Employability	
of travel	Num- ber	Per- cent	Employable	Unemployable	Unknown
Travels with sighted person	763	24.9	226	481	<b>5</b> 6
Travels with guide dog	38	1.2	27	5	6
Travels with cane	182	6.0	89	84	9
Travels without aid of any kind	462	15.1	271	154	37
Other	3	0.1		3	Obdition
Most usual mode of travel unknown*	1213	39.6	296	766	151
Total able to travel	2661	86.9	909	1493	259
Homebound (due to illness)	366	12.0	2	362	2
Homebound (for reasons other than illness)	35	1.1	1	32	2
Grand Total	3062	100.0	912	1887	263

<sup>\*&</sup>quot;Most usual mode of travel unknown" represents the group whose mobility status is unknown and the group on whom we had contradictory information concerning mode of travel.

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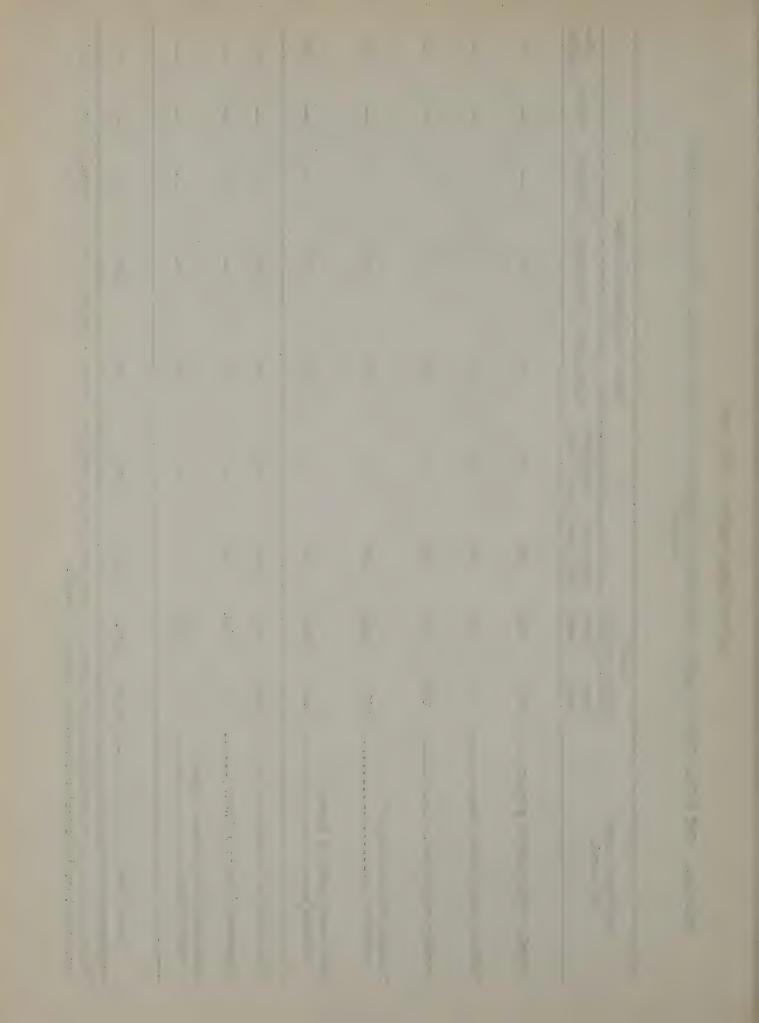
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Table 43. MOST USUAL MODE OF TRAVEL OF THE ADULT BLIND KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY MAJOR EMPLOYMENT STATUS

t status	Housewife Student Other known	61	1 2 1	22	48 3 11	72 6 - 38	190 13 60		1 1	
Major employment status	Unemployed Hou	29	4	25	200	37	186	-	ŀ	
	Employed part time	Ø	4	G.	15	ω	45	3	f i	
	Employed full time	85	16	43	136	135	415	;	Ħ	
Total		24.8	3,0	<b>6</b>	29.7	32,55	7.66	0.2	0.1	
To	Num-	. 226	• 27	- 89	. 271	296	606	03	r-t	
Most usual mode	of travel	Travels with sighted person	Travels with guide dog	Travels with cane	Travels without aid of any kind	Most usual mode of travel unknown*	Total able to travel	Homebound (due to illness)	Homebound (for reasons other than illness)	

<sup>\*&</sup>quot;Most usual mode of travel unknown" represents the group whose mobility status is unknown and the group on whom we had contradictory information concerning mode of travel.

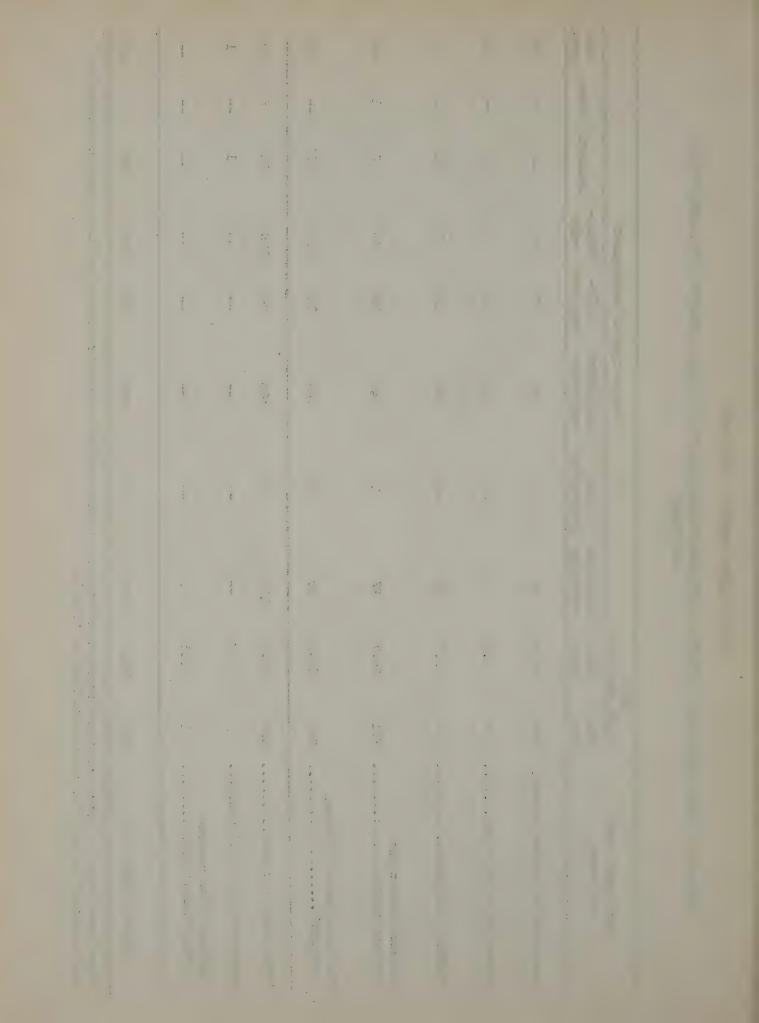


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Table 14. MOST USUAL MODE OF TRAVEL OF THE ADULT BLIND KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY MAJOR TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT

Most usual mode	T	Total blind persons			Major typ	Major type of employment	yment			
of travel	Num- ber	Per- cent	Sheltered workshop	Home industries	Competitive employment	Self- employed	House-wife	Student	Other	Un- known
Travels with sighted person.	226	24.8	41	ю	80	17	56	ł	63	56
Travels with guide dog	27	0 * 0	ณ	1	17	63	r-I	Ø3	1	N
Travels with cane	89	F.e9	22	1	34	13	<b>t</b> ~	82	H	Ø
Travels without aid of any kind	27.1	29.7	22	N	142	53	43	ю	н	35
Most usual mode of travel unknown*	596	32.5	8	41	125	<b>14</b>	69	ø	1	28
Total able to travel	606	7.66	108	on .	398	70	176	13	S.	130
Homebound (due to illness)	N	0.2	ł	I	!	1	1	н	1	н
Homebound (for reasons other than illness)	<b>~</b>	0.1	H	1	1	I	1	1	1	ł
Grand Total	. 912	100.0	109	G	398	70	176	14	2	131

<sup>\*&</sup>quot;Most usual mode of travel unknown" represents the group whose mobility status is unknown and the group on whom we had contradictory information concerning mode of travel.



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Table 45. INCIDENCE OF OTHER PHYSICAL OR OF MENTAL DISABILITIES AMONG THE ADULT BLIND KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY MOBILITY STATUS

					Mobility status	statue				
المرامه بلق في مسيل		Most	t usual	mode	of travel	H			Homebound	
formagern to odfr	Total persons with disshility	With sighted person	With guide dog	With	Without aid of any kind	Other	Mode of travel unknown*	Total persons with disability	Due to illness	For reasons other than
Respiratory system	43	19	7	ന	ω	*	10	17	17	
Blood and blood- forming organs	19	ဖ	i	4	4	ł	വ	::	11	ŧ
Heart and circulation	270	97	83	53	39	<b></b> I	707	115	110	υ
Skeleton and muscles	147	78	63	17	19	-	53	86	84	03
Brain & nervous system	24	25	1	ω	Ф	ŧ	18	79	78	r-I
Digestive system	89	27	н	10	16	à i	14	14	14	1
Reproductive system	63	~	1	1 1	જ	ł	1	Ħ	<b>;1</b>	i
Ear seeseseseseseses	152	29	1	15	18	*	24	37	34	83
Diabetes	236	92	1	23	29	H	ठ	52	149	<u>س</u>
Cancer	15	9	1	ŧ	9	i	63	13	13	#
Mental deficiency and retardation	32	13	l	စ	rH	ŧ	12	88	87	rH
Emotional disorder	中	22	ł	မ	O	1	4	14	10	4
Psychosis	9	4	ŧ	ī	p-1	į	p-4	23	23	ł
Senility	20	9	ł	ξĊ	82	t	വ	27	56	H
Other	75	34	1	10	6	1	27	27	50	4
Total	11.84	496	œ	136	169	53	372	631	209	77
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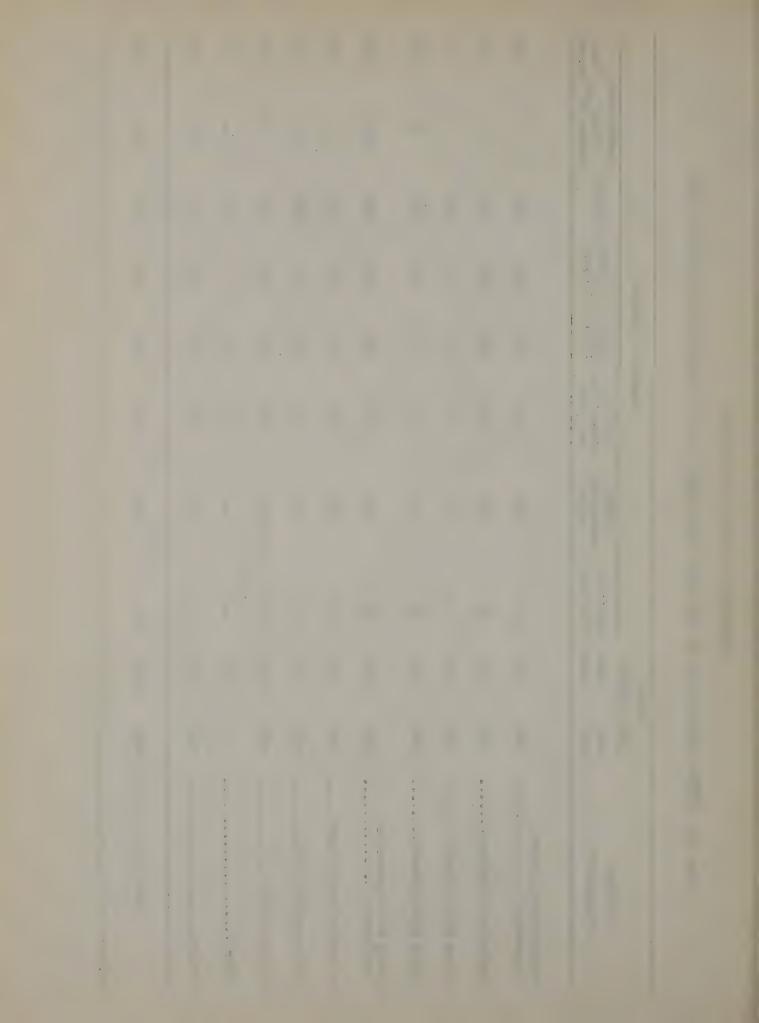
<sup>\*&</sup>quot;Mode of travel unknown" represents the group whose mobility status is unknown and the group on whom we had contradictory information concerning mode of travel.

Of the 3062 blind adults studied, 1227 were reported as having physical or mental disabilities in addition to blindness. Fourteen were reported to have no additional disabilities. No information was available for 1821. Comment:



Table 16. LIVING ARRANGEMENTS OF THE ADULT BLIND KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY VISUAL ACUITY

	To	Total blind adults			Degre	Degree of vision	ion			
Living arrangements	Num-	Per-	Absolute blindness	Light perception only	Motion perception to 5/200	5/200-	10/200-	20/200	Restricted field (under 20°)	Un- known
Living alone (in own	988	-1 Ω	or	36	Ę,	O	36	74	o	
Rooming or boarding	28 88 88 88	- N	£ 4	2 C2	- 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10	19	8 4,	4 2 <del>4</del> 25	<b>o</b> 00	64 64
Living with friend	45	1.5	5/3	ယ	9	10	വ	12	03	7
Living with parents	224	7.3	. 26	18	31	o	53	63	7	41
Living with spouse or children	1079	35.2	77	86	258	75	110	234	56	171
In home of adult child	500	6.8	27	34	32	18	24	42	7	25
With other relatives	278	6*1	34	83	29	18	31	20	10	43
In institution	380	12.4	99	64	78	12	53	40	œ	74
Other	H	0.1	1	1	1	ł	i	H	1	1
Unknown	298	7.6	10	20	58	22	41	16	17	39
Total	3062	100.0	306	323	638	204	319	640	124	508



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Table 46A. LIVING ARRANGEMENTS OF THE BLIND CHILDREN KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY VISUAL ACUITY

Living with relatives 337  Living with relatives 2  Living in foster home 11	blind children		*	Degree	Degree of vision	цo			
33 1	Per-	Absolute blindness	Light perception only	Motion perception to 5/200	5/200-	10/200-	20/200	Restricted Un- 20/200 field (under 200) known	Un- known
-	68.2	89	29	31	o,	24	09	ಣ	81
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Living in an institution 143	29.0	79	32	ω	<b>83</b>	\$ \$	7	H	14
Other1	0.2	8	ł	8 8	\$ \$	å	r-i	1	ŧ
Total	100.0	152	86	39	11	24	70	ю	97

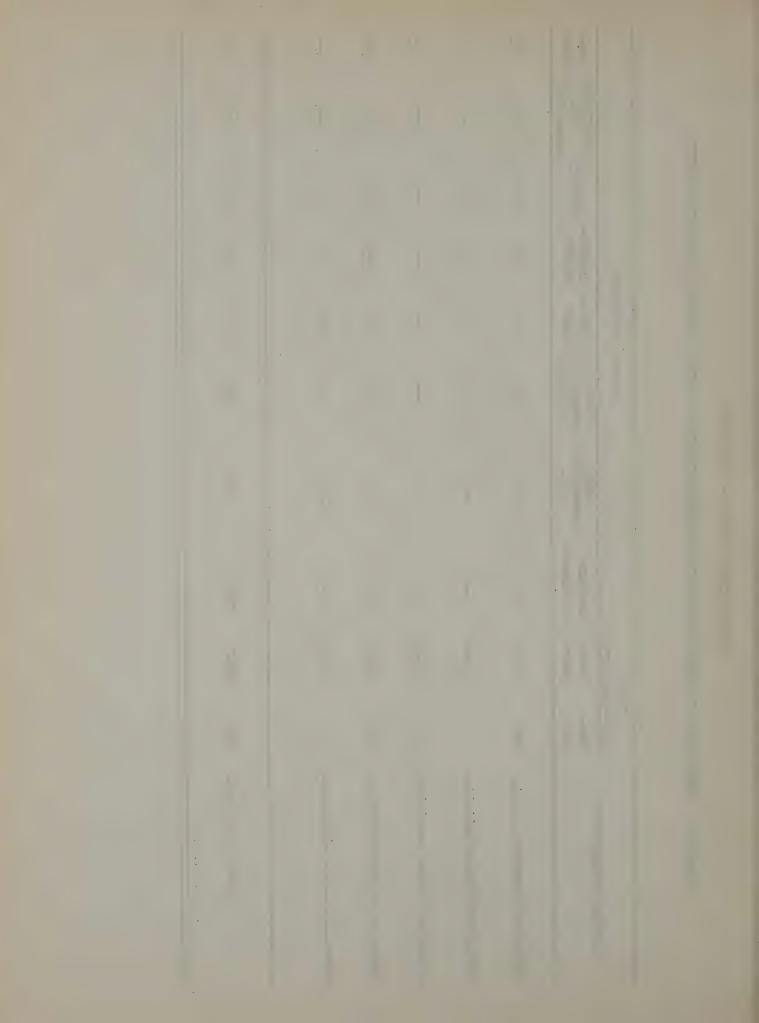


Table 47. LIVING ARRANGEMENTS OF THE ADULT BLIND KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY RACE AND SEX

Living arrangements		Total blind dults		Whit	e		Negr	0	an	Othe:	
arrangementos	Num ber	- Per- cent	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Living alone (in own household)		8.7	243	77	166	20	5	15	3	1	2
Rooming or boarding	282	9.2	254	137	117	26	19	7	2	2	
Living with friend	45	1.5	38	12	26	3	2	1	4	1	3
Living with parents	224	7.3	216	134	82	7	5	2	1	1	Witte
Living with spou or children		35 <b>.</b> 2	1030	585	445	36	24	12	13	8	5
In home of adult child	209	6.8	198	53	145	10	4	6	1	One 1949	1
With other relatives	278	9.1	260	88	172	16	7	9	2	****	2
In institution	380	12.4	353	137	216	14	5	9	13	6	7
Other	1	0.1	1	1		***	GOOD SWITS	wa No	Meno	was then	No. or a
Unknown,	298	9.7	270	106	164	1	and this	1	27	12	15
Total	3062	100.0	2863	1330	1533	133	71	62	66	31	35

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Table 47A. LIVING ARRANGEMENTS OF THE BLIND CHILDREN KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY RACE AND SEX

Living arrangements	Total	nd		White	9		Negr	0		Unkno	own
		Per- cent	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Living with parents	33 <b>7</b>	68.2	230	126	104	8	3	5	99	46	53
Living with relatives	2	0.4	1	anythis	1		900 900	one-loss	1	1	
Living in foster home	11	2,2	10	5	5	Security Security		<b>General</b>	1	1	
Living in an institution	143	29,0	133	82	51	4	2	2	6	5	1
Other	1	0.2	- 404 (986)	Mercani	***	dec) filed	depose	most time	1	1	-mar laters
Total	494	100.0	374	213	161	12	5	7	108	54	54

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Table 48. LIVING ARRANGEMENTS OF THE ADULT BLIND KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES BY AGE

Living arrangements	b]	etal Lind Llts			Chr	onolo	gical	. age		
01101105	Num- ber	Per- cent	21 <b>-</b> 24	25 <b>-</b> 34	35- 44	45 <b>-</b> 54	55 <b>-</b> 64	65 <b>-</b> 74	75 & over	Un- known
Living alone (in own household)	266	8.7	2	- 8	10	37	53	52	92	2
Rooming or boarding	282	9,2	7	15	25	33	48	72	80	2
Living with friend	45	1.5	1	2	1	3	7	12	19	raine there
Living with parents	224	7.3	28	84	58	30	20	4	turis filials	Transporter .
Living with spouse or children	1079	35,2	10	61	128	174	255	242	201	8
In home of adult child	209	6.8	out day	Militan	Giptomia .	. 2	18	48	141	900 988
With other relatives	278	9.1	1	8	15	31	45	65	113	cas the
In institution	380	12.4	7	19	18	35	39	84	169	9
Other	1	0.1	100.000	One place		Omis 1000		1		*****
Unknown	298	9.7	4	15	8	15	33	52	142	29
Total	3062	100.0	60	212	263	360	518	642	957	50

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Table 48A. LIVING ARRANGEMENTS OF THE BLIND CHILDREN KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES, BY

Living		tal children			Chrone	ological	l age	
arrangements	Num- ber	Per- cent	Under 1 yr.	1-2	3-5	6-14	15-18	19-24
Living with parents	337	68•2	4	6	92	185	35	15
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relatives	2	0,4	sole then	Selegas.	900 tras	1	des tess	1
Living in foster home	11	2.2	ALC 160	4	1	4	2	200.200
Living in an institution	143	29.0	4	3	38	82	10	6
Other	1	0.2	S00 NM		600 VIII	MAR SALE		1
Total	494	100.0	8	13	131	272	47	23

### AVAILABILITY OF SERVICES TO BLIND RESIDENTS OF METROPOLITAN BOSTON

## JULY 1956

- I. Specialized Agencies for the Blind
- II. Non-specialized Agencies Serving Blind Individuals

# Definition of terms used in these tables:

"Specialized Agency" -- Any agency that is exclusively concerned with serving blind persons, or that operates a special program or service for the blind.

"Non-specialized Agency" -- Any agency which does not have a special program of services developed expressly to serve blind persons.

"Educational Services" -- Table II: Reflects data provided by the program of the Boston Guild for the Hard of Hearing and the Boston Committee on Alcoholism. Inc.

"Family Services" -- Services of such organizations and entities as the various American Red Cross branches of the metropolitan area, the various Departments or Boards of Public Welfare, the Boston Legal Aid Society, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, the International Institute of Boston, Inc., etc.

# Further considerations in interpreting the data:

Classifications have been based upon the primary function or functions of the agency concerned; the Directory of Social Service Resources in Massachusetts was utilized in categorizing.

Several of the agencies in these tables serve blind people on a statewide, regional, or national basis. Figures in the column "Number of Schedules Returned" in these tables represent residents of Metropolitan Boston receiving services as of July 1956.

Of the 3,403 blind residents of Metropolitan Boston on the Massachusetts Register of the Blind, 66 are receiving no services. Schedules were returned for 3,556 individuals, 153 of whom were not on the register.

Note that public and parochial schools serving blind children in an integrated program do not appear on these tables. Children's schedules completed by the Massachusetts Division of the Blind indicated that 112 blind children are in integrated programs in area public and parochial schools.

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# AVAILABILITY OF SERVICES TO BLIND RESIDENTS OF METROPOLITAN BOSTON JULY 1956

# I. SPECIALIZED AGENCIES FOR THE BLIND

Agency	Number of schedules returned*
Children's Services	
Boston Nursery for Blind Babies	42
Educational Services	
Walter Fernald State School for the Mentally Defective Perkins School for the Blind	125 82
Health Services	
Tewksbury State Hospital and Infirmary (Clinic for the Blind)	9**
Recreational Services	
Boy Scouts (Sachem Council Perkins School)	56** 40**
General Service and Vocational Rehabilitation	
Massachusetts Division of the Blind  Protestant Guild for the Blind  Boston Aid to the Blind (Jewish Guild)  Catholic Guild for the Blind  Massachusetts Association for the Blind***	3403 26 424 174 278
Total	4659

<sup>\*</sup>Several of these agencies serve blind people on a statewide, regional or national basis. The numbers in this column represent individuals being served from the Boston Metropolitan Area.

<sup>\*\*</sup>These figures represent the number of individuals reported being served; however, no schedules were returned for these individuals.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>General service, vocation rehabilitation and social center for blind women.

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# AVAILABILITY OF SERVICES TO BLIND RESIDENTS OF METROPOLITAN BOSTON JULY 1956

# II. NON-SPECIALIZED AGENCIES SERVING BLIND INDIVIDUALS

	Total	Se	ervices Avail	able	Carriage
Type of Service	Agencies Responding	Number of agencie	1 Spor ocu	Number of schedules returned	Services Not Available
Services for the Aged					
DomiciliaryGeneral	10	3 2	135 16	5	7
Children's Services	19	10	4	10	9
Family Services	39	29	124	74	10
Health Services					
Mental HealthGeneral Health		1 52	No Statistic 820	s Available 238	2 36
Domiciliary					
Nursing and Convalescent. Boarding		4 3	10	2	1 3
Employment, Vocational Training and Rehabilitation Services.		2	No Statistic	s Available	2
Corrective and Protective Services	3	1			2
Educational Services	2	- 2	11	6	94.0h
Recreational Services	86	43	15	22	43
Veterans' Services	16	9	15	3	7
Total.,.,	283	161	1151	366	122

NOTE: Seven hundred and fifty-three specialized and non-specialized agencies in Metropolitan Boston received Schedule I; 372 replied in writing; approximately 28 more were reached by telephone.

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128	366	RII	161	583	Total

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